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Hot oil spill from food stall kills boy

Encroached footpath used for frying 'poories'

City Corporation, Police inaction blamed

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (RK&BCT)- Repeated drives by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the City Police to clear encroachments from public spaces and footpaths — aimed at improving vehicular flow and ensuring safe walkways for pedestrians — have failed time and again.

This persistent failure has now resulted in a heart-wrenching tragedy, as a four-year-old boy lost his life after being splashed with hot oil from a vendor's stove on an encroached footpath.

The tragic incident occurred on Oct. 2, Vijayadashami Day, at N.R. Mohalla and came to light only now. The victim, Anvish (4), was the son of Lakshman, a resident of Gandhinagar, Mysuru.

According to eyewitnesses, Lakshman was riding his bike with his son seated on the fuel tank near Maruthi Circle in N.R. Mohalla. He stopped in front of Bhagyalakshmi Tiffanys, a fast-food outlet located on St. Mary's Road (Second Main Road) near Maruthi Circle, to buy some food for his home.

Victim Anvish

Footpath as cooking zone

The owners of the eatery had illegally occupied the footpath, converting it into a makeshift cooking area to fry poories and pakodas, blocking pedestrian movement and violating safety norms.

While Lakshman got off the two-wheeler to place his order, leaving little Anvish seated on the bike, a worker was frying poories in a vessel filled with boiling oil placed right on the footpath.

(See HOT OIL on page 7)

Police intensify area domination exercise

405 suspected rowdy elements picked up; over 800 petty cases booked in two days

DCP (Law and Order) R.N. Bindu Mani warns anti-social elements and known offenders against engaging in illegal activities.

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (GA&KS)- In the wake of two shocking crimes — the daylight murder of a man and the rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl near the Dasara Exhibition Grounds — the City Police have launched an 'area domination exercise' across several parts of the city to restore public confidence and tighten law enforcement.

Police teams have intensified patrolling, vehicle checks and enforcement of traffic rules, while Anti-Rowdy Squads have been reactivated to curb illegal activities. An area domination exercise is a coordinated Police operation in which large numbers of officers patrol sensitive areas to deter criminal activity, reassure the public and maintain control over law and order.

(See POLICE on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 12th October 2025

Rs. 1,000 crore innovation clusters in four cities, including Mysuru

Bengaluru, Oct. 12 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Government has announced a Rs. 1,000-crore plan to build innovation clusters across Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi-Dharwad and Belagavi, aiming to expand the State's tech-led growth beyond Bengaluru.

Priyank Kharge

The announcement was made at CII Innoverge 2025, held in Bengaluru, under the theme "Make in India, Developed India & Digital India."

In his keynote address, Minister for Electronics, IT & BT Priyank Kharge said that Karnataka accounts for 40 percent of India's R&D talent and 30 percent of all global capability centres.

"Karnataka has evolved into one of the most disruptive innovation hubs in the world. We are not just an investment destination but the global knowledge and skill capital," he said.

Kharge said the State will launch a Rs. 100-crore fund at the upcoming Bengaluru Tech Summit to identify India's top 50 AI companies and showcase 20,000 startups under 'Future Makers' track.

Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, Kamal Bali, President and MD, Volvo Group India and Kris Gopalakrishnan, Co-founder, Infosys, also spoke.

The summit, attended by over 300 industry leaders, focused on leveraging AI, R&D and partnerships to position India as a global innovation hub by 2047.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

PROPER AND COMPLETE UTILISATION OF TIME: ***In today's world, only a few people make full and proper use of time. For those who are diligent, time is never lacking. For the lazy, there is no time at all. Time waits for no one, asks no one; it moves forward on its own, continuously. Wealth, honour, respect or position if lost can be regained, but time once lost never comes back. Time does not show favouritism; everyone has only 24 hours in a day.***

The Bhagavad Gita considers time a powerful, divine force — an expression of Sri Krishna himself — and an important element in both the material world and the spiritual journey.

In Islam, time is regarded as God's creation, a priceless gift and a dimension of worship. Believers are encouraged to use it wisely for good deeds and to understand its divine connections. The Quran highlights the importance of time, stressing that if humanity does not use it for good deeds and faith, it is a grave loss.

The Bible discusses time in various ways, encouraging proper management and making the best use of the present. There is truth in the words of the Jordanian King: "I may be a king, but I am not rich enough to waste even a single minute."

Lately, people say everyone has wealth, but no one has time. This is due to improper time management. Today, many people repeatedly claim, "There's no time." Some even remark how quickly time passes — that they do not even realise when it has gone.

In reality, time neither speeds up nor slows down; it continues at its steady pace. Therefore, we must understand this properly and align our work accordingly. In the present technological age, with so many tasks to complete, wasting time is never an option.

Time management is the key to success. Each day has 24 hours and everyone should prepare a task list for the day in advance. It should include estimated times for each task. The golden rule is: plan your work and work your plan. Once the list is ready, one should not delay in executing it. India's former President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan said, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

Therefore, living in the moment is important. Today's work should be done today and immediately to gain satisfaction. Tomorrow's work is for tomorrow. It is paramount to understand time and its importance.

— Nazeer Ahmed Kazi in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's most expensive feather!

Auckland: A rare and extremely well-preserved feather of the extinct huia bird was auctioned off for NZD$46,000 ($28.365 - Rs. 2,516.52), officially making it the world's most expensive feather.

Endemic to New Zealand, the huia bird has been extinct since the early 20th century. Already rare when the Europeans arrived on the island, the bird's feathers became a target for collectors and fashion merchants, which eventually led to its extinction.

The bird's feathers are still valued very highly among collectors, so it's no surprise that the world's most expensive feather comes from a huia bird. Originally expected to fetch up to $3,000 at an auction, a pristine huia bird feather was sold for a whopping $28,365 last year, setting a new record for the world's most expensive feather.

2,253-word name makes world record

Wellington: The world's longest name is championed by one New Zealand man whose entire title spans over 2,000 words and takes 20 minutes to say.

Long names play a significant role in many cultures, reflecting traditions and societal structures. In South India, names often include the village, father's name and given name. In the Arab world, names follow a patronymic system, including the individual's, father's, grandfather's, and sometimes family or tribal names, emphasising lineage and heritage.

Famous examples include Billie Eilish, whose full name is Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell and Pablo Picasso, whose complete name is Pablo Diego Jose Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno Maria de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santisima Trinidad Ruiz y Picasso. While these names are long, they are nothing compared to Laurence Watkins, who holds Guinness World Record for longest personal name.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Keep vaccinations updated; flu and pneumonia prevention is Important for heart Patients.

By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Free cancer screening camp at Bharath Hospital from Oct. 13 to 20

Mysuru, Oct. 12- As part of World Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology (BHIO) is organising a free clinical breast cancer screening camp to promote early detection and prevention from Oct. 13 to 20 daily between 10 am and 4 pm at its premises on Hebbal Ring Road in city.

The initiative aims to create awareness about the importance of regular check-ups and self-examination among women.

Experienced oncologists and specialists from the hospital will provide free consultations, clinical breast examinations and guidance on screening methods such as mammography.

Educational sessions will also be conducted to help women understand the symptoms, risk factors and lifestyle changes that can reduce the chances of developing breast cancer. Apart from this 50 percent discount is also given on Mammography.

The hospital encourages women of all age groups, especially those above 40 years, to take advantage of this opportunity and prioritise their health.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2300600 or 2300606.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.28 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,283.07 feet**	Today's level **2,857.91 feet**
Last year's level **124.54 feet**	Last year's level **2,284.00 feet**	Last year's level **2,854.95 feet**
Friday's level **123.38 feet**	Friday's level **2,282.87 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,857.73 feet**
Yesterday's Inflow **15,985 cusecs**	Yesterday's Inflow **2,469 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,783 cusecs**
Yesterday's Outflow **1,400 cusecs**	Yesterday's Outflow **900 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,050 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Snails are all over the map when it comes to sleep. They may nap for several hours, then stay awake for sessions of 30 hours or more.***
- ***On the flip side, snails have crazy hibernation periods. They can snooze for periods of up to 3 years, a survival instinct for when they feel need to self-preserve.***
- ***When the African Lungfish feels it is in a life-threatening situation, it secretes a mucus cocoon and burrows itself up to nine inches under the soil, where it gets air through its lung via a built-in breathing tube that leads to the surface. It then relies on rainwater to breathe.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy to rich man: *Sir, five rupees please.*
Rich man: *Why? For what?*
Boy: *I want to join my father.*
Rich man: *Where is he?*
Boy: *In cinema theatre!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 88.72
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 118.54
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.17
1 Euro	= Rs. 102.72

VOICE OF THE READER

Public disappointed Dasara after Dasara

Sir,

Apropos the news item 'Lights Out! CESC goes into power-saving mode' (*Star of Mysore* dated Oct. 7), it clearly reflects the sheer lack of planning and execution by the authorities concerned, despite a hefty budget allocation of Rs. 6 crore for Dasara illumination.

The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) took over a month to erect and install the lighting arrangements, creating a spectacular display during the Navaratri celebrations. Yet, barely days after Dasara, more than 80 percent of the illumination has been switched off.

Instead of stretching the illumination over 136 kms, the authorities could have limited the coverage area and extended the duration until Deepavali (Oct. 22).

Rather than concentrating illumination in the central business area, continuing to light up key entry roads such as Hunsur Road, Bengaluru Road, KRS Road, and Nanjangud Road would have drawn more visitors. This would not only have delighted residents but also boosted tourism revenue substantially.

During Navaratri, the Police deserve credit for maintaining excellent traffic discipline. Sadly, post-Dasara, their absence is sorely felt. With barricades removed from Sayyaji Rao Road, traffic movement has become chaotic — vehicles enter and exit from all by-lanes, leading to gridlocks and confusion.

Once again, our Government machinery has managed to disappoint the public, Dasara after Dasara!

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru
8.10.2025

Actor Upendra inaugurates
Pai International Electronics in city

Sandalwood actor-director Upendra, who inaugurated the 220th electronics and home appliances showroom Pai International Electronics Ltd. opposite Kuvempunagar KHB Complex on Nrupathunga Road in city yesterday, being greeted by Pai International Electronics Managing Director Rajkumar S. Pai and Financial Director Meena Rajkumar Pai. Pai International Electronics Director Rahul R. Pai, Rohith R. Pai and others were present. The showroom features a modern and sleek design reflecting innovative spirit and commitment to quality that Pai International Electronics Limited is known for besides offering visitors the latest collections of electronics, home appliances, laptops, mobiles and more along with opportunities to interact directly with the team of experts.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu
inaugurates Jewels of India Expo

Bengaluru, Oct. 12- The 27th edition of Jewels of India Exhibition, one of the nation's biggest jewellery expos, was inaugurated by celebrated South Superstar Samantha Ruth Prabhu, at the Tripuravasini Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Oct.10. It will conclude today (Oct.12).

This year's exhibition promises an unparalleled spectacle of opulence, bringing together over 100 top-notch jewellers from across India. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to explore and purchase an exquisite array of gold, silver and diamond jewellery, perfectly timed for the upcoming festive season and a chance to win a diamond necklace.

The Jewels of India Exhibition is renowned for showcasing bespoke, unique, antique and designer jewellery, catering to every taste and style. From traditional masterpieces to contemporary creations, visitors are guaranteed to find pieces that will elevate their festive celebrations.

To celebrate Jewels of India's 27th edition, Convenor Vikram Mehta has launched a 'Jewels of India Gold + Savings Plan.' This exciting plan offers an investment plan for patrons to invest in the scheme and buy jewellery from their favourite jeweller in the next edition.

Dasara Home Garden competition

Bags first prize in ornamental garden category for 15th year

Kallichanda Maina Uthappa, a resident of Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru, has won first prize in ornamental garden category for the 15th consecutive year in the Dasara Home Garden competition organised by the Department of Horticulture. She has tastefully arranged over 850 pots around her house with varieties of Aglaonema.

Maina Uthappa receiving the trophy and certificate from Horticulture Society Treasurer Shashikala Nagaraj at the Dasara Flower Show prize distribution ceremony as her husband Umesh Uthappa looks on.

NEWS BRIEFS

Calling budding artistes

The Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has proposed to provide free opportunities for budding artists and professionals to exhibit their talent at Siddaramaiah Arena in Dasara Exhibition premises. Interested artistes can send their complete bio-data to the Chief Executive Officer, KEA, Doddakere Maidan, Mysuru. The participant artistes will be provided sound system. However, they have to bring their own instruments for performance. All participants will be issued a certificate, according to a press release.

Bank exams coaching class

City's Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation, has organised online and offline coaching class for Bank recruitment exams (Probationary officers and clerical posts in Nationalised and Rural Banks) to be conducted by IBPS, at is premises – Krishik Bhavan, Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, starting from Oct. 23. Interested aspirants can register before Oct. 22. For registration and details, call Mob: 82960-31570.

Applications invited

The SC/ST Welfare Department has invited online applications from eligible law graduates from ST community for training in judicial administration. Eligible ST community law graduates can apply through the website: ***www.tw.kar.nic.in*** before Oct. 31 or visit the Department office at Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Adipampa Road, Vontikoppal East, Paduvarahalli, Mysuru. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2427140.

Free cataract screening camp

Bhagwan Mahaveer Darshan Eye Hospital, Opposite K.R. Mill, Bengaluru - Mysuru Road, Siddalingapura, Mysuru, is organising a free cataract screening camp for senior citizens on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary at its premises from Oct. 13 to Oct. 31. For details, contact Mob: 99724-45942.

Ph.D awardee

K.S. Chandrakantha has been awarded Ph.D in Materials Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Metal Chalcogenide Heterostructures as Pre-Catalysts for Energy Conversion Electrocatalysis' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Srikantaswamy.

MLA G.D. Harish Gowda elected as Mysuru District Co-operative Union President

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (VNS)- Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda and former Zilla Panchayat (ZP) member B.N. Sadananda were elected unopposed as President and Vice-President of Mysuru District Co-operative Union respectively during the elections held here yesterday.

MLA G.D. Harish Gowda and former Zilla Panchayat member B.N. Sadananda, who were elected unopposed as the President and Vice-President of Mysuru District Co-operative Union being greeted by the Union Directors in city yesterday.

15 members elected as Directors

Along from MLA G.D. Harish Gowda and former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, K.S. Kumar, Shivagami, Prashanth Thatachar, Somashekar K. Umashankar, A.T. Somashekar, Kurahatti Mahesh, Hanamanalu Siddegowda, K. Kumar, Mallanna, B.N. Sadananda, Merchants Bank Anand and G.V. Gururaj were elected as the Directors of Union.

While, 13 Directors of 15 were elected unopposed, Hanumanalu Siddegowda was elected by securing 15 votes. Meanwhile, Rajkumar with 5 votes and Prasanna with 7 votes had lost the elections from their respective Constituencies. In the elections held from Credit Co-operative Societies Constituency, Prashanth Thatachar won by securing 27 votes against Lakshmeesh who managed to secure only a single vote in his favour.

Government meddling with co-operative sector

Addressing media persons after assuming charge as the President of Mysuru District Co-operative Union, Harish Gowda expressed that Government's interference with co-operative sector had increased in the recent years.

"The Government had interfered during the MCDCC Bank election, the process which is yet to be completed. The co-operative sector has to work independently without Government's interference," he said.

State administration has collapsed

Harish Gowda, taking dig at the State Government said that the administration in the State had collapsed and no member of the Government was looking to address the issues faced by the general public as the Congress MLAs were busy with their internal rifts.

"The law and order situation in Mysuru with alleged rape and murder of a minor girl and murder cases being reported. The State Government has to compensate the family members of the deceased girl," he said.

Harish Gowda also urged the State Government to take up the survey works to ascertain the damage caused by the rains.

"Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has personally visited Kalaburagi and other places. However, measures have to be taken up to survey this part of the State without which compensation cannot be fixed. The Government has to initiate measures to take up the survey works on priority basis," he said.

Regularisation of sanitation workers soon

MCC UGD Workers and Pourakarmika Association Hon. President Narayana, chairing a meeting of the Association in city recently.

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (MTY&DM)- MCC Underground Drainage workers and Pourakarmika Association Honorary President Narayana, also a former City Mayor, said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has responded positively to the demand for regularisation of services of sanitation (underground drainage) workers serving on contract basis in City Corporations across the State.

Addressing a press meet recently, Narayana said that about 900 sanitation workers are serving in 10 City Corporations in Karnataka. Highlighting the hazardous nature of their work, he noted that many sanitation workers have lost their lives while on duty.

Despite serving for over a decade, their jobs have not been regularised. A memorandum seeking regularisation was presented to the CM, who has responded positively.

Narayana further stated that the wages of sanitation workers have been raised from Rs. 7,000 to Rs. 18,000 after months of struggle. He added that the Association organises health check-up camps for Pourakarmikas every six months to ensure their well-being.

New office-bearers

The press meet also saw the announcement of the new office-bearers of the Pourakarmika Association, with Narayana continuing as Honorary President.

Other elected members include: Shankar – President, R. Lokesh – General Secretary, R. Shivanna – Honorary Vice-President and K. Somu, C.P. Rajeevkumar and Lakshman – Acting President, Working President, and Vice-President, respectively.

The press meet was attended by all newly elected office-bearers, including Shankar, R. Lokesh, R. Shivanna, K. Somu, Lakshman and others.

Govt. okays bio-gas plant at Bandipalya APMC yard

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (MK&DM)- In yet another step towards sustainable waste management, the State Government has approved the establishment of a bio-gas production unit using wet waste at the Bandipalya APMC premises on Nanjangud Road, on the outskirts of city.

With the Government's approval for the action plan to generate bio-gas from wet, fruit and vegetable waste collected daily at the APMC yard, the initiative aims to transform the market into the State's first zero-waste APMC yard.

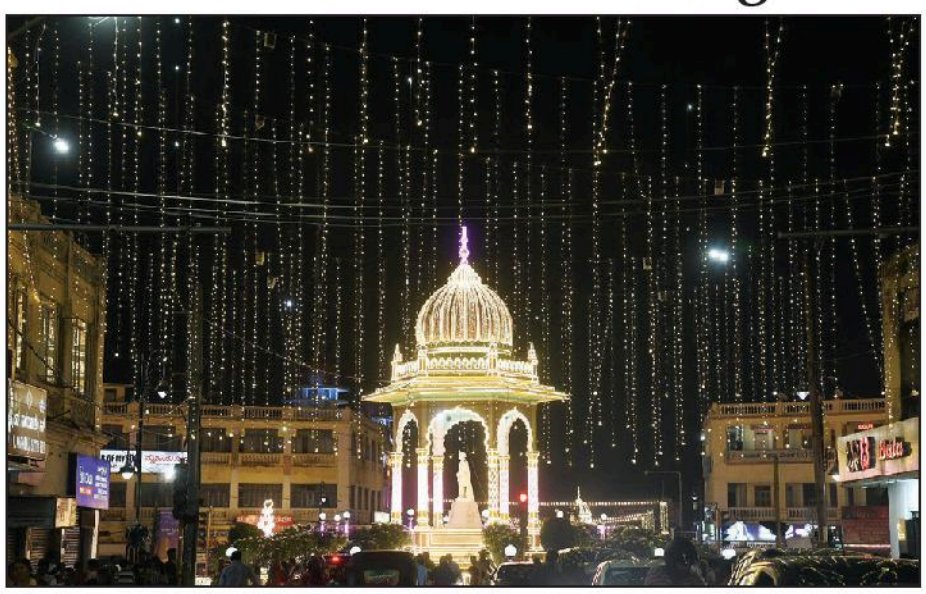
Currently, about 25 to 30 tonnes of wet waste are generated every day at the Bandipalya market. To process this waste efficiently and promote sustainable disposal, authorities plan to set up a 50 TPD (Tonnes Per Day) bio-gas (Compressed Natural Gas - CNG) production plant within the premises.

The proposed bio-gas plant, spread over one acre, will be established at a cost of Rs. 24 lakh in collaboration with private partners. The plant will process large quantities of decomposed fruits, vegetables and other perishables to generate CNG, which can be used as fuel in certain categories of automobiles.

APMC Secretary Kumaraswamy said that the bio-gas unit within the market will help prevent indiscriminate dumping of waste outside the premises. He added that the by-products from bio-gas generation will be utilised to produce organic compost, which can be effectively used in nurseries and gardens.

1.99 lakh visit Palace during Dasara

Footfall soars as tourists flock to *Jumboo Savari,* cultural programmes and dazzling illumination; Dasara illumination ends tonight



Mysuru, Oct. 12 (PM&DM)- Mysuru witnessed a spectacular Dasara-2025, with lakhs of tourists and visitors flocking the city for the grand Navaratri celebrations, culminating in the *Jumboo Savari* procession on Oct. 2. The world-famous Mysore Palace recorded an impressive footfall of 1,99,703 tourists over a fortnight from Sept. 22 to Oct. 7.

The Palace saw its highest daily turnout on Oct. 4, with 25,106 visitors exploring the historic monument. The total figure of 1,99,703 accounts for ticketed visitors during general visiting hours from 10 am to 5.30 pm, excluding Oct. 1 and Oct. 2 when entry was restricted for Ayudha Puja and Vijayadashami respectively. In addition, thousands more thronged the Palace to watch the evening Dasara cultural programmes, held over eight days and to enjoy Palace illumination.

By comparison, during Dasara 2024, the Palace had recorded 1,35,456 ticketed visitors over the 10-day festival from Oct. 1 to 10. This year's significantly higher footfall reflects the growing popularity of the festivities.

City, Palace illumination to end today

Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya said that 48,000 people who purchased Dasara Gold cards enjoyed a close-range view of the Jumboo Savari procession on Oct. 2 from within the Palace precincts.

Highlighting the massive turnout for the evening cultural programmes held from Sept. 22 to 29, he confirmed that 1,99,703 tourists, excluding VIPs, visited the Palace during general hours.

He added that Palace illumination will continue from 7 pm to 9 pm until Oct. 12 with free entry for visitors, as in previous years. Even Dasara illumination by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will come to an end tonight.

CM orders crackdown, reviews law and order

Children are unsafe in CM's home district, Congress leaders silent: BJP

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah departs for Bengaluru after attending a private event and holding a high-level meeting with officials at his T.K. Layout residence in Mysuru last night.

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (BCT)- A wave of public outrage has swept through Mysuru following two horrific crimes committed within just three days — the daylight murder of a man and the rape and killing of a minor girl, both near Dasara Exhibition Grounds.

The incidents have triggered widespread criticism of the Police personnel's failure to enforce law and order. Opposition leaders have come down heavily on the Government for failing to prevent such brutal acts.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who was in Mysuru last night for a private event, convened a high-level meeting with senior officials at his residence in T.K. Layout to assess the deteriorating law and order situation.

Arriving by special flight around 7.30 pm, the CM first attended a wedding reception hosted by a Congress leader before proceeding to his residence for the emergency review meeting.

The meeting was attended by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, Superintendent of Police N. Vishnuvardhana, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and Zilla Panchayat CEO S. Yukesh Kumar.

Seema Latkar briefed the CM on both cases, outlining the sequence of events and progress in the investigations. Siddaramaiah is said to have directed officials to take stringent measures to prevent such crimes in future, curb unlawful activities, and restore public confidence.

BJP flays CM

The BJP has lashed out at the State Government over the rape and murder of a 10-year-old balloon-selling girl in Mysuru, alleging a total collapse of law and order.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru yesterday, Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka said, "Even during the Dasara celebrations in Mysuru, the Police failed to prevent the rape of a young girl."

"There is no safety even for children, even in Siddaramaiah's home district, and both Siddaramaiah and Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara have remained silent on the issue. Ashoka said that despite Police personnel from four to five districts deployed in Mysuru during Dasara, such a crime occurred.

"D.K. Shivakumar can spot potholes in Delhi, but preventing rape in Karnataka seems impossible. Siddaramaiah celebrated Dasara with grandeur in his home district even as such a tragedy unfolded. Birthday parties are being held inside Bengaluru Central Prison, and drugs are being supplied within jail walls. Law and order have sunk to abysmal depths," he charged.

Star Pups

ADOPT US...

Golu

Goofy

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (KS)- Golu and Goofy, both eight-week-old pups, which are dewormed and vaccinated at People For Animals (PFA) in city, are up for adoption. Golu and Goofy, were rescued from a garbage dump and brought to PFA Mysuru, where they are now safe and cared for.

They are playful, gentle, intelligent, eager to bond and they now need forever homes.

PFA Mysuru has urged the concerned public to come forward and adopt Golu and Goofy and consider adoption as a way to address the growing crisis of abandoned and homeless dogs.

For details, contact PFA on Ph: 0821-2598213 or Mob: 98456-54429 or e-mail: *pfamysore@gmail.com*

Celebration Mysuru Marathon attracts 2,850 participants

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (MTY&VNS)- A total of 2,850 participants took part in the 15th edition of Celebration Mysuru Half Marathon and 10K Run organised by Life is Calling in city this morning. The half marathon was flagged off by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Apollo BGS Hospital Vice-President N.G. Bharateesh Reddy in front of Balarama Gate of Mysore Palace.

The event was organised in four categories: 21K Half Marathon, 10K Run and 5K Run/ Walk. While, the 21K Half Marathon and 10K Run were organised in competitive categories, the 5K Celebration Run and Walk was non-competitive category to encourage large number of participants from Mysuru.

The event also highlighted 'Say NO to Drugs' message to the youth and Fit India Movement to promote fitness and healthy living.

Speaking after flagging off the event, MP Yaduveer spoke about the importance of taking part in sports in order to stay fit.

Highlighting the increase of sports activities in Mysuru in recent days, Yaduveer stressed the need to organise more such events to help build a healthier society.

RESULTS

Half Marathon Men

Open Category (16-45 Years): 1. K.G. Balaji (01:26:36), 2. T.D. Arun (01:29:28), 3. Manikantan Narayanan (01:30:44).

Senior Category (46-60 Years): 1. Veera Manikanta (01:46:25), 2. Nagesh Kumar (01:46:36), 3. Sudhakar Rajashekhara (01:46:39).

Veteran Category (Above 61 Years): 1. Thiruvengadam Ashok (02:21:53), G.D. Girish (02:36:16), 3. Muralidhara Ramamurthy (02:49:16).

Half Marathon (21K) Women

Open Category (16-45 Years): 1. Rajalakshmi Swaminathan (01:46:45), 2. Mamta Yadav 01:52:07, 3. Geetanjali Gubbewad (01:57:37).

Senior Category (46-60 Years): 1. Divya Madaiah (02:26:54), 2. Sindhu Sharma (02:49:16), 3. Sony Shahi (02:59:16).

10K Run Men

Open Category (16-45 Years): 1. K. Kiran (35:23), 2. S. Akash (36:44), 3. Dhruv Rangain (44:27).

Senior Category (46-60 Years): 1. R.K. Murthy (42:34), 2. Sagaya Raj (46:08), 3. Prashanth (46:25).

Veteran Category (Above 61 Years): 1. Chandrasekaran Subramanian (47:06), 2. K.P. Jayaramu (58:33), 3. N. Mohan (01:04:00).

10K Run Women

Open Category (16-45 Years): 1. Anshu Pathak (45:23), 2. Clara Teusen (47:43), 3. Roshika Chengappa (50:28).

Senior Category (46-60 Years): 1. B.L. Manjula (01:04:37), 2. Sreeidya Chira (01:04:38), 3. R. Kusuma (01:05:04).

Veteran Category (Above 61 Years): 1. Shamala Padmanabhan (01:32:50).

Green crackers only

- Ahead of Deepavali festival, KSPCB issues dos and don'ts
- Asks District Environment Conservation Authority to act against violators
- Circular issued to competent authorities

Bengaluru, Oct. 12 (Agencies)- Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), has issued stern instructions to the respective District Administration and Superintendents of Police (SP), to facilitate the celebration of forthcoming Deepavali festival on Oct. 20 and 22, in an environmental friendly manner by allowing the bursting of green crackers only.

To curb the sale and supply of crackers prohibited by authorities, action should be taken against the vendors and stockists, by invoking the provisions of law under Environment Conservation Act, with District Environment Conservation Authority entrusted with relevant responsibilities, since its formation in the year 2004, with the sole intention of regulating high decibel crackers.

Following the Supreme Court order to check severe air pollution with unregulated bursting of fire crackers, the State Government has issued certain guidelines to be followed, mandating various Departments and Authorities to implement the same in an effective manner, as per the circular issued by Government.

"The crackers made using hazardous chemicals cause environmental pollution, while the stocking of crackers in unsafe locations have been resulting in blasts, claiming lives of several people and affecting the health of many.

It has also come to notice that, environmental pollution is on the rise especially during Deepavali," according to the key observations made by the SC, before promulgating the order. Moreover, the SC had issued clear directions in the years 2015 and 2018, over regulated bursting of fire crackers.

Accordingly, bursting of crackers is allowed only between 8 am and 10 pm, with the bursting of fire crackers totally banned in the remaining hours. In compliance with these directions, the Minister concerned has also given a call for celebrating 'Environmentally Friendly Deepavali-2025.'

Any production, stocking and selling of banned crackers should be strictly dealt with by local bodies and Police, by seizing such crackers.

Awareness should be created among people about significance of environment, according to a circular issued by Member-Secretary of KSPCB to heads of all Departments, local bodies and Authorities.

CCA PAZZO Chess Tournament begins in city

NR Group Chairman R. Guru (second from left) moving a pawn to inaugurate the day-long CCA PAZZO Inter-School Chess Competition organised by Carmel Catholic Association (CCA) Mysuru at St. Joseph Central School premises at Yelwal in city this morning. Others seen are (from left) JK Tyres and Industries Ltd. Vice-President (Works) V. Eswara Rao, Tournament Convenor P.D. Babu, MDES Secretary Fr. Edward William Saldana, CCA President Joseph Mathew and Mysore Chess Centre Director Nagendra Muralidhar. Picture right shows students taking part in the chess tournament.

Marwari Horse Breed Show - 2025

Sa Ra Mahesh son's horse 'Rolex' wins

Rolex, the Marwari-breed horse** (pic. left), **belonging to S.M. Jayanth** (extreme right), **son of former Minister Sa. Ra. Mahesh, emerged victorious in the Two Teeth Colt category at the Marwari Horse Breed Show-2025 organised by The Royalty Horse Show Bengaluru at Yelahanka in Bengaluru recently. The winning horse was awarded a cash prize of Rs. One lakh along with a trophy and certificate. Rolex, aged two-years-and-four-months old is being groomed at Sa.Ra. Farm in Mysuru.

Police intensify area domination exercise

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As part of the operation, a heavy Police presence was seen at People's Park, RTO Circle, Kuvempunagar Complex, Jwalamukhi Parking Lot, Shanthinagar, Rajivnagar and the old RMC Bus Stand.

A rowdy parade was also conducted at Udayagiri Police Station under the supervision of DCP (Law and Order) R.N. Bindu Mani, on the instructions of City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar.

The DCP warned known offenders against engaging in anti-social or illegal activities, posting derogatory reels and photos on social media, or instilling fear among the public. She cautioned that strict legal action would follow any such violations.

To ensure results, police teams have been formed under all ACPs, led by Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, each assigned to specific zones for intensive monitoring.

Traffic crackdown

On Oct. 10, the Traffic Police registered 87 cases under the Indian Motor Vehicles (IMV) Act — including 54 cases of triple riding, 33 cases for riding without helmets, defective number plates and wheeling — and detained 59 vehicles.

Simultaneously, extensive patrolling was conducted in isolated areas, parks, bars, wine shops, tea stalls, hotels and street food stalls. Operations covered Doddakere Maidan, Dasara Exhibition parking area, Jwalamukhi Parking Lot, Children's Park and old RMC Bus Stand.

During this exercise, the Police picked up 405 suspected rowdy elements and individuals causing public nuisance, registering petty cases against them. In addition, 204 cases were booked under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) and 487 under the Karnataka Police (KP) Act.

On Oct. 11, another 35 IMV Act cases were booked — including 21 triple riding cases and 14 for helmetless riding, defective number plates, and wheeling — with one vehicle detained.

During the second round of area domination, 207 individuals were picked up and booked under 130 COTPA cases, 234 petty cases under the KP Act and six cases under BNSS Sections 126 and 129.

Obituary

Ayesha Bai

Mysuru, Oct. 12 - Ayesha Bai (90), wife of late Mohammed Yousuf Sait and a resident of No. 534/1, North-East N.R. Mohalla, passed away following brief illness in city yesterday.

She leaves behind sons Mohammed Hayath Sait and Mohammed Usman Sait, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road after Zohar prayers (1.30 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

M. Malavaiah

Maddur: M. Malavaiah (80), retired Head Master and a resident of Maddur, passed away following brief illness at his residence this morning. A native of Maraganahalli village, he leaves behind his wife Puttathayamma, sons Nagesh and Yashwanth, daughter Chandrakala, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held this afternoon in the town.

Dasara-2024 row...

Year on, priests await Rs. 50,000 honorarium

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (MTY&BS)- A team of priests, who had participated in *Nada Habba* Mysuru Dasara-2024 related rituals, have written to the Chief Secretary of the State Government, seeking the release of honorarium of Rs. 50,000 pending payment for one year.

Priest H.S. Rakesh, the complainant, has written the letter also to the Secretary of Muzrai Department, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru and Secretary of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority.

During *Jumboo Savari - 2024*, Kannada and Culture Department, had deputed a team of priests, along with six cultural troupes to accompany the Utsava Murti of Goddess Chamundeshwari, taken out in a procession from Chamundeshwari temple atop the Hill to Mysore Palace. Honorarium was fixed to each of seven troupes, with the instructions given to Chamundeshwari Authority to pay the honorarium.

The authorities had decided to spend Rs. 2 lakh on the procession of Utsava Murti, by fixing the honorarium as follows; Rs. 25,000 for each of the two troupes of Veerabhadra Kunita, consisting of 10 artistes, Rs. 25,000 for a troupe of Chande artistes, Rs. 25,000 for Nadaswara artistes troupe, Rs. 25,000 for saxophone troupe, Rs. 25,000 for Puja Kunita troupe and Rs. 50,000 for a team of priests.

Hot oil spill from food stall kills boy

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Moments later, tragedy struck — the bike's side stand, which was loose, gave way, and the vehicle toppled over along with the child. The bike's handlebar struck the poori-making vessel, causing the scalding oil to spill all over Anvish.

The child sustained severe burn injuries and was immediately rushed to the Burns Ward of K.R. Hospital. Despite doctors' best efforts, he succumbed to his injuries on Oct. 4.

Following the incident, a case was registered at Narasimharaja Police Station under the supervision of Inspector Lakshmikanth K. Talawar. This shocking incident has once again highlighted the grim consequences of unchecked footpath encroachments and the administration's repeated failure to enforce safety and civic discipline, even after multiple clearance drives.

The incident is deeply distressing. It underscores the urgent need for precautionary measures during street-side food preparation. At a minimum, vendors must ensure that customers are kept at a safe distance from gas cylinders and stoves. Officials from the Food Safety Department of the Mysuru City Corporation should regularly inspect footpath food stalls and actively engage with vendors to raise awareness and enforce safety protocols.

– Narayana V. Hegde
President, Mysuru Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society

Second burn incident at same food joint

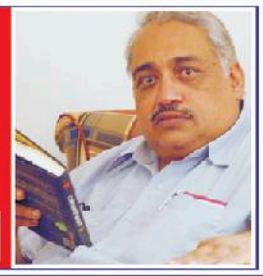
Mysuru, Oct. 12 (RK&BCT)- Residents, pedestrians and passers-by have blamed the Police and MCC Health Section for the tragic incident.

"Even if the child's father was at fault for not securing his bike's side stand, the bigger responsibility lies with the MCC, which allowed cooking on the footpath. How can the authorities permit cooking with hot oil on a public walkway?" questioned locals.

Neighbouring shop owners highlighted a nexus between footpath encroachers, the Police, and the MCC. "The cooking is done on stoves connected to LPG cylinders that produce large flames. Even sparks are dangerous. This is a matter of public safety, and an innocent child has paid with his life. **Months ago, a similar oil burn incident occurred at the same fast-food outlet — Bhagyalakshmi Tiffanys — where a pedestrian was injured, but the shop continued operating with impunity,"** a shopkeeper said.

The MCC and Police conduct footpath clearance drives. However, days after each clearance, vendors often return.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Dasara of a slightly different kind!

The Dasara, our most spectacular annual show, that we Mysureans and all our guests wait for most expectantly, year after year, has come and gone too.

With all our guests too gone back to where they all came from, the city roads are regaining their traditional, not-too-busy look that they have always been known for. It's something that we Mysureans cherish and even feel proud about, as a very unique privilege, unavailable to residents of most other cities.

Our public buildings too, which were brightly lit and decked up, leaving us all delighted and enthralled, have got back their usual looks now but embellished thankfully, with their new coats of paint, that are going to last another year until Dasara comes calling once again.

But I don't know how many of us have noticed that this year's Dasara took a slightly different turn even as the festivities got going. There was a hue and cry from some quarters that the recent fad of festooning our roadside trees and encircling their trunks with electric lights was a practice that had to be stopped because it was perceived as being detrimental to their well-being. So, much of this work was stalled midway, leaving some trees in different parts of the city bereft of any ornaments.

But strangely and thankfully, the trees already thus decorated were left alone, which perhaps has given us and our guests one last chance to see the kind of ornamentation which in my opinion was what gave our roads their most spectacular look.

Unless someone comes up with an alternate way of decking up our trees in an equally beautiful way, that seems acceptable to all those who in my opinion are overly concerned over a rather harmless practice, the Dasaras that we are going to see in the coming years will certainly be different and maybe a little insipid too.

The other thing that made the Dasara spectacle different this year was the very strict enforcement of the rule that spectators of the *Jumboo Savari* would not be allowed to view it from treetops, rooftops and balconies of building along the procession route.

This was certainly a very good move, considering the many accidents and stampedes we are now getting to hear of from across the country from time to time.

But there is no denying the fact that it was this very same spectacle of overly enthusiastic people, gathered on all buildings and trees, all along the procession route, that lent its own kind of uniqueness or even a rustic charm to the grand finale.

During the days of my childhood, I have been in every one of those places and even perched on the shoulders of my older family members, to have a better and uninterrupted view of the Dasara procession!

Having seen the good-old Mahishasura in his new avatar this year, I cannot help wondering if this is how he is going to be dressed every Dasara... Whether he was good or bad in how he lived is a matter open to debate, but this draping certainly deprived all our Dasara visitors a glimpse of one of the most iconic sights of our city, which over the years has become an added attraction, especially for little children...

Incidentally, if you look at archival pictures of the Dasara procession or even the many beautiful murals depicting it, on the walls of our **Amba Vilas Palace,** you'll find this practice was prevalent and popular even from that era. Those paintings have been executed so well that the faces of all the people assembled in front of the Palace at the commencement of the Dasara procession can be identified easily and they have even been listed by name in the footnotes alongside.

And when you look at the many paintings of the procession itself, you can see the different expressions of elation, wonderment, reverence, intrigue and curiosity on the faces of all the people alongside the road and on tops of the buildings lining the Doddapete, the present-day Ashoka Road, that was the original ***Jumboo Savari*** route until the year 1936.

But a very funny turn that this year's Dasara took and which most people perhaps failed to notice in their exhilaration, was the draping of the Mahishasura Statue atop the Chamundi Hill in an oversized blue plastic skirt, to keep it out of bounds from the small flock of his fans and admirers, who have been trying over the recent years, to perform pujas and offer their respects to him during Dasara time.

Yes, despite being painted in local mythology as a demon, this now brightly painted embodiment of evil, has his own share of devotees which only seems to be growing steadily!

But although I am not able to say whether his new skirt deterred them or not, it certainly lent his fierce countenance a very odd and almost comic look, something he had never been shown in, over the many centuries of his existence.

Talking of the centuries and the age of this statue, I cannot help feeling that there is something amiss. Available records say that it was erected during the reign of **Dodda Devaraja Wodeyar,** the thirteenth Maharaja of Mysore, who ruled from 1627 to 1673. He was the same man who built the steps that take devotees up the hill, and commissioned the most imposing, monolithic statue of Nandi, midway.

Those were the days when statues of both deities and demons were usually carved from stone. But this statue of Mahishasura seems to be made of some kind of mortar, a more recent building material. I say this because at least on two occasions in the past, I have seen chunks of mortar having fallen away, once from his broadsword and once from the serpent he is holding, exposing the reinforcing metal lattice inside.

And, if it was another monolithic statue, carved from stone, why was it allowed to be painted upon so colourfully as it has always been? Some learned historians should be able to shed more light on this matter, on which I am clearly not competent enough to comment.

Having seen the good-old Mahishasura in his new avatar this year, I cannot help wondering if this is how he is going to be dressed every Dasara, over the coming years and whether he will be draped in skirts of different colours, to give him a different look, each year to break the monotony!

Whether he was good or bad in how he lived is a matter open to debate, but this draping certainly deprived all our Dasara visitors a glimpse of one of the most iconic sights of our city, which over the years has become an added attraction, especially for little children.

I don't think any kid has gone back from the spot where he stands, without having a snapshot with him. I have mine too, lying somewhere in the many albums of memories from my yesteryears.

Interestingly, the images of him I have in my mind's eye, from the days of my childhood, are of an unusually huge and imposing giant. It was always a much-awaited and awe-inspiring moment for me, whenever he suddenly loomed into view, as our car turned the last bend in the hill road.

But as I grew up over the years, his stature stopped seeming so overpowering, perhaps because while I grew up, he failed to grow up with me and now, like an old friend, I can see him, eye to eye!

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Ready to share my political knowledge with young politicians: P.G.R. Sindhia

State Scouts and Guides Commissioner P.G.R. Sindhia (Centre) was felicitated along with 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' awardees V. Manjunath, journalist Iythichanda Ramesh Uthappa, Srinivas Bahadur and Jahnavi Seethalakshmi Verma at the Institution of Engineers India (IEI), Mysuru Centre yesterday.

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (BLU&DM)- State Scouts and Guides Commissioner P.G.R. Sindhia, who is also a former Minister, said that though he has stayed away from politics for long, he was ready to share his political knowledge and experiences with today's younger crop of politicians.

He was speaking at 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' award conferment programme organised jointly by the city's Anveshana Seva Trust and Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust, marking his 77th birthday celebration, at the Institution of Engineers India (IEI), Mysuru on JLB Road here yesterday.

Stressing on the need for building good leadership qualities among present day younger politicians, Sindhia said "When I was the Transport Minister decades ago, I brought in some revolutionary reforms in the department, which is being studied by the Centre's NITI Ayog".

Expressing disappointment over the present-day electoral process, Sindhia observed that there is an urgent need for bringing about electoral reforms on a large scale. Recalling his student days, the former Minister attributed his education and growth in politics to his mother.

Suttur Mutt seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji who graced the occasion, said that Sindhia was a farsighted politician and has left his own footprint in politics.

Former Minister M. Shivanna and MLA Tanveer Sait who too spoke, lauded the contribution of PGR Sindhia for the growth of the State as a Legislator and Minister.

V. Manjunath, currently serving as Hassan Additional Deputy Commissioner, Iythichanda Ramesh Uthappa, Resident Editor, Vijaya Karnataka, Mysuru, Srinivas Bahaddur, Director, Vaidyavartha Prakashana and Jahnavi Seethalakshmi Verma, a Limericks writer of Mangaluru, were conferred with 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' award on the occasion. Also, former Minister P.G.R. Sindhia was felicitated on his 77th birthday.

KPCC Spokesperson H.A. Venkatesh, IEI, Mysuru Centre President Dr. Deepu, Mysuru Small scale Industries Association President M.S. Satish, Anveshana Seva Trust Founder President Amarnathraje Urs, Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust Hon.Secretary Dr. M.G.R. Urs and others were present.

'Skill, legal awareness open global doors for women'

Dubai-based legal consultant in an interactive session held at Maharani's Science College

Geethalakshmi Ramachandran, from Dubai, in an interactive session held at Maharani's Science College for Women in city.

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (MTY&BCT)- Dubai-based legal consultant Geethalakshmi Ramachandran emphasised that individuals with subject-matter expertise have immense opportunities abroad.

"Today's corporate world offers a plethora of opportunities for women. But only for those equipped with the right skills. Acquire the necessary expertise, and the opportunities will follow," she advised.

Geethalakshmi was speaking at a special lecture and interactive session on 'Legal Language Application and Do's and Don'ts in Social Media in the Present Scenario', organised by the Department of English, Maharani's Science College For Women, JLB Road, Mysuru, yesterday.

Geethalakshmi Ramachandran is the Managing Counsel of Associated Business Attorneys, Legal Consultants, Dubai, catering to a wide range of corporate clients, operating out of Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

Keeping the young aspiring girl students captivated, Geethalakshmi began by narrating her humble journey — from graduating at Sarada Vilas Law College, Mysuru, to overcoming numerous personal, physical and medical challenges that never deterred her determination to reach her goals in the legal field.

In recent years, private corporate firms have outpaced Government institutions in creating career avenues, particularly in the legal domain. Encouraging students to pursue legal studies, Geethalakshmi stressed that legal awareness empowers women both personally and socially.

She urged students to familiarise themselves with emerging legal fields such as internet law, cloud law, data protection law and artificial intelligence law. "This knowledge should be acquired not only in your mother tongue but also in English and other languages," she recommended.

"Language evolves with technology — and so do its challenges," she cautioned. "While technology can drive progress, one must remain vigilant about its risks." Highlighting the importance of self-confidence, perseverance and hard work, she reminded students that success naturally follows these qualities.

College Principal Prof. M. Abdul Rahiman presided over the event, urging women to develop legal awareness in today's challenging times. "Without it, facing society will become increasingly difficult," he warned.

The programme also featured the felicitation of senior faculty member Dr. H.S. Parashivamurthy. Dr. N. Shobhalatha welcomed, Prof. H.S. Ranganath proposed the vote of thanks and Prof. Dinesh H.R. introduced the guests. The session was moderated by the Head of the English Department, Govindaraju.

'Advocates should emerge as role model for society'

Arjun Ranga (third from left), Managing Director, Cyle Pure Agarbathi lighting the lamp to inaugurate 2025-26 academic activities of Vidyavardhaka Law College, here yesterday as Vidyavardhaka Sangha President Gundappa Gowda, Vidyavardhaka Law College Supervisory Committee Head S. Shivalingaiah and others look on.

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (VNS)- Every business house will avail the services of advocates in a given situation and it is important that advocates emerge as the role models for the society, said Arjun Ranga, Managing Director, Cyle Pure Agarbathi, here yesterday.

Speaking after inaugurating the 2025-26 academic activities of Vidyavardhaka Law College, he explained to students how business houses resolve legal issues with the help of advocates. Stating that it was difficult to have an organised society without advocates, he said hardwork and honesty were important for the students to develop in order to become successful in their careers.

Vidyavardhaka Sanga President Gundappa Gowda, Vidyavardhaka Law College Supervisory Committee Head S. Shivalingaiah, Principal Dr. P. Deepu, Dr. T.M. Prashanth, Dr. Boregowda and others were present. College annual magazine Vikasa-2025 was also released on the occasion.

Playing a special host during Dasara-2025

Office of Italian Consulate General lauds Mysuru Dist. Admin

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (BLU&BS)- The Office of Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru, has written to Dr. Shalini Rajaneesh, Chief Secretary of the State Government, heaping praise on the District Administration for playing a heartwarming host during *Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara-2025*. Shalini Rajaneesh, has forwarded the letter to Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju.

In a social media post, the office of CG, as Consulate General is referred to as, has stated as follows; A great honour to be invited by the Government of Karnataka to the Mysuru Dasara. From the vibrant afternoon parade at Mysuru Palace to the magical evening performance capped with a breathtaking drone show - it was an unforgettable experience!

Apart from Italian embassy officials, the representatives from embassies of United Kingdom (UK), Switzerland, Malaysia and Netherlands, were also a witness to *Jumboo Savari,* the grand finale of Mysuru Dasara, the photos of which have been shared on social media.

WORD OF THE DAY

Finicky

Pronunciation: FIN-ih-kee (adjective).
Meaning: Finicky describes someone who is very hard to please, or something that requires a lot of care, precision or attentive effort.
Origin: If you're a reader of a certain age (say, a Boomer, Gen Xer, or even a Xennial) you may remember cheeky television commercials featuring Morris, a finicky housecat who only eats a certain brand of cat food. (Morris is still featured on product labels.) Morris's tastes in cuisine are not only very particular, but very fine as well, and that's appropriate given the origin of finicky. The word came about in the early 19th century as an alteration of finicking, itself a 17th century alteration of another adjective, finical, which in turn is a late 16th century coinage likely derived from the adjective fine.
Example: "Stardom is a fleeting concept, one that we've seen play out with the biggest of stars over time. Even without outright missteps, artists often find themselves scrutinised by the masses for reasons entirely unrelated to their work. More often than not, this pressure either drives them to prove their worth to a finicky fanbase — one that will jump ship the second something else catches their attention — or pushes them back into obscurity." — Aron A., HotNewHipHop.com, 22 Aug. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Fadoodle

Nonsense.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fall at the first hurdle

Meaning: The phrase 'Fall at the first hurdle' is used to say when someone fails at an early phase of a task.
Origin: The phrase "Fall at the first hurdle" originates from the sport of hurdling, a type of race where competitors jump over a series of barriers called hurdles. If a participant fails to clear the first hurdle, they are considered to have "fallen at the first hurdle" and are highly unlikely to finish the race or win. The phrase has since been adopted more broadly to describe any situation where someone fails to overcome an initial obstacle or challenge in a task or endeavour. The same phrase could be used to say 'Fall at the last hurdle' if someone drops the goal at the very end of the task.
Example: 'The idea could fall at the first hurdle if they fail to secure the investors approval.'

QUOTE BOX

The first thing a hurdler learns is how to fall.— **Tonie Campbell**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Green fingers.

SUDOKU

				6	8	1		
7					3			5
		5				2		
					2			1
	1	6				5	9	
3			7					
		4				9		
8			4					3
		9	1	3				

Answer to previous puzzle

4	3	5	8	2	7	1	9	6
8	6	1	4	5	9	7	2	3
7	9	2	1	3	6	4	8	5
9	1	7	6	4	5	2	3	8
2	4	6	7	8	3	9	5	1
3	5	8	2	9	1	6	7	4
1	8	9	3	6	2	5	4	7
5	7	3	9	1	4	8	6	2
6	2	4	5	7	8	3	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 VCR button
4 Suffix with "Journal" or "legal"
7 Affectedly dainty
11 Ex-India batsman Mushtaq ___
12 Bristle of barley
13 "Friends" role
14 Delayed or hampered
17 Greek vowel
18 "Highway Star" rockers (4,6)
20 Horrible or dreadful
22 Singing group
23 American Auto. Assoc.
24 Brilliant success or display
27 ___ medal: Neeraj Chopra won one at the 2024 Olympics
31 1862 battle
33 A set of cards all of one suit
34 Large, abbr.
35 Cambodia's neighbour
37 Thanksgiving hymn
39 Judging or computing
42 You too in Latin (2,2)
43 Finished or spent by overworking or fast living? (5,3)
46 Repenter or crier?
47 Southwest Indian
48 Natal land, abbr.
49 Ceremony
50 ___ about : take care or attend to?
51 A shrill bark

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

B	A	R	D	■	O	U	S	T	■	S	P	A
A	L	A	E	■	U	G	L	Y	■	C	O	N
E	T	N	A	■	R	H	A	P	S	O	D	Y
R	A	N	D	R	■	■	T	E	A	R	■	■
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I	N	C	A	M	E	R	A	■	■	F	A	G
C	Y	A	N	■	T	I	S	■	D	U	S	T
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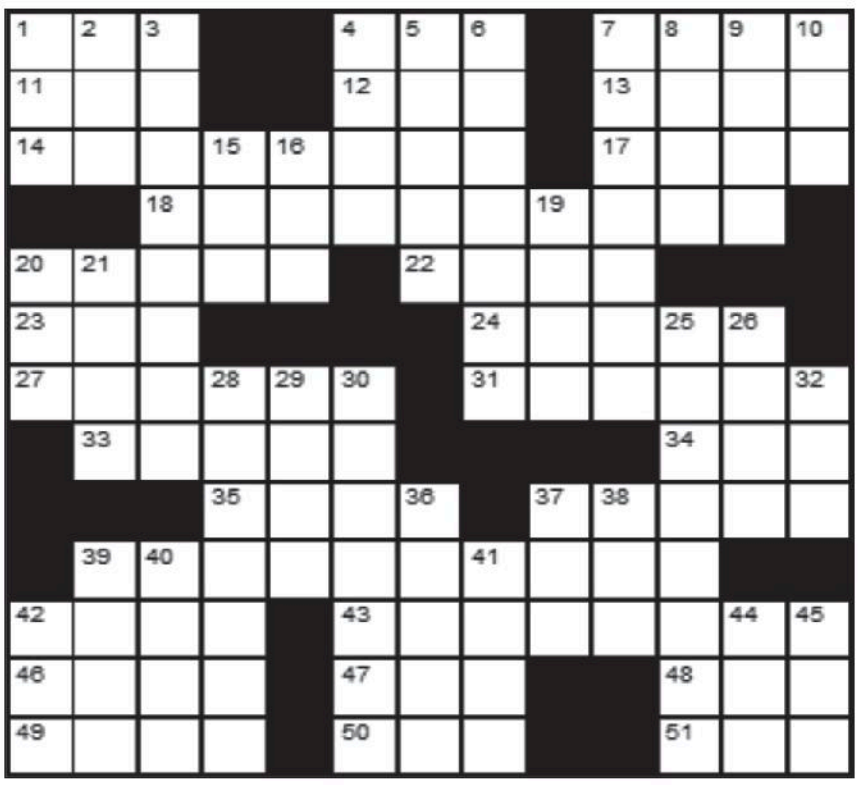
R	I	A	■	R	O	T	A	■	U	S	E	D
B	A	R	■	E	G	O	S	■	L	A	N	A

DOWN

1 Cheer
2 Biblical high priest
3 Unexpected good fortune
4 Lawman Wyatt
5 Cleaned the floor
6 Bears, undergoes or tolerates
7 Capital of Libya
8 We get it from sheep to make clothes
9 Italian city famous for its ancient Roman ruins
10 Conductor __-Pekka Salonen
15 Disp. Elec. Unit
16 Long fish
19 A ___ man's joke: it is always funny?
20 Old time movie __ Ka Panchchi
21 Stray animal
25 Symbolic tale
26 It provided cover for the Roman citizen
28 Bird of prey
29 Morales of movies
30 Oblique equilateral parallelogram?
32 Female of the domestic fowl
36 Fry lightly in hot oil
37 Postal Index Number, abbr.
38 Small social insect
39 Sewing case
40 "Let it stand", instruction for the printer?
41 Oak for example
42 Sin, go wrong
44 America
45 Faucet or spigot



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XIK HKPMCZK VR P HPF OM FVX XIK FCHAKZ

VR IOM MKZQPFXM ACX OF XIK FCHAKZ

VR GKVGBK EIVH IK MKZQKM.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS T

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		7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
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	(S-3)	10.05 am, 1.25 pm
		4.45 pm, 8.15 pm
	(S-4)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
Tron Ares (E-3D)	(S-2)	1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Ravana Prabhu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm

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		11.15 am, 12 noon, 1.30 pm
		2.45 pm, 3.25 pm, 4.25 pm
		5 pm, 6.15 pm
		8.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Tron: Ares (E-3D)	:	7.45 pm, 10 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	9.55 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	7.20 am, 7.50 am, 8.20 am
		8.50 am, 10.40 am, 10.45 am
		11.15 am, 11.45 am, 12.15 pm
		2.10 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.10 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.10 pm, 5.35 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm
		9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
		10.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 1.30 pm
		7.35 pm
Caught Stealing (E)	:	2.05 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	4.35 pm
The Smashing Machine (E)	:	7.40 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	7.20 am, 7.50 am, 8.50 am
		9.20 am, 10.45 am, 11.15 am
		12.15 pm, 12.45 pm, 2.10 pm
		2.40 pm, 3.40 pm, 5.35 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.50 pm, 7.05 pm
		9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E-3D)	:	4.10 pm, 10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 12)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Mysore Karate Association, Mysuru:** Felicitation to Hansi Arun Machaiah on being selected as the Vice-Chairman of Sports Authority of Karnataka, MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President K. Deepak presides, University of Mysore's Department of Physical Education Director Venkatesh chief guest, Yoga Hall, University of Mysore (UoM), **4 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Gemini Circus:** Shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Monthly meeting on 'How Mysureans ignored civic sense to make a filthy city during Dasara,' AEE Mruthyunjaya will lead the discussion along with representatives of schools participating in Clean Campaign posters, MGP Office, #6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2515150]
- **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Mysuru City:** March-past commemorating its 100-year journey, MysoreOne Citizen Service Centre Ground, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **4 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Chidambaranatesha Natya Shale Trust, Mysuru:** Nritya Aradhana, Bharatanatyam and felicitation to violinist Vid. R. Srikanth, former MLA L. Nagendra inaugurates, Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat Mandya Secretary Dr. E.C. Ningaraju presides, BJP Media Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh will be present, , Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**
- **Kumaravyasa Gurukula:** Karnatak Music by Thanushree Raghavendra, accompanied by Vid. Thandavamurthy on violin and Vid. H.T. Swamy on mridanga, #1315/2, 'Haripriya,' 3rd Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Omme Hennagu,' written by Banu Mushtaq and directed by Savitha Rani, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 13)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Gemini Circus:** 3 shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Centre for Gandhian Studies, University of Mysore (UoM), DoS in Social Work, DoS in Sociology, Manasagangothri:** Mahatma Gandhi's 156th Jayanti celebrations, Gandhi Bhajans by students of Mysore University Fine Arts College, **10.30 am;** Special lecture, Gandhi Sevaratna awardee & Karnataka Gandhi Memorial Fund Director Prof. G.B. Shivaraju inaugurates and delivers lecture, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath presides, UoM Registrar M.K. Savitha guest of honour, EMRC auditorium, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, importance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust, Mysuru:** Special lecture by Shivamogga-based orator Vidwan G.S. Natesh on 'Vidhiya Leela Vinoda' based on Dr. D.V. Gundappa's novel 'Mankuthimmana Kagga,' Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

Govt. to launch its own OTT platform for promotion of Kannada films

Bengaluru, Oct.12- Amidst complaints that Kannada cinemas are not getting their due in OTT (Over The Top) platforms, the State Government is said to be planning to launch its own OTT platform for promotion of Kannada films in the new year.

An OTT is a digital distribution service of video and audio. In the context of movies, OTT platforms refer to the delivery of Film and Television content directly to viewers over the internet, bypassing traditional cable and satellite providers.

Popular platforms like Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Prime video are examples of OTT services, offering on demand streaming of movies and shows on various devices such as smart TVs, Phones and Computers.

Bengaluru's Sree Kanteerava Studios Chairman Mehboob Pasha, who is a member of the Committee formed by the State Government to chart out the modalities of the OTT platform, said that the Committee is studying the working of e-space platform and 'Waves' of Prasar Bharati.

Pointing out that the Committee will hold a meeting with Information and Public Relations Department later this month, Pasha said that the feasibility report will be tabled at the meeting.

Pasha said that, the State Government is planning to invest Rs.50 crore for the OTT platform, expecting a good return on this investment in the next couple of years, if not immediately, through subscriptions and other revenues, through streaming of Kannada films and documentaries and as well as films of other languages such as Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi etc.

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		3.40 pm, 6.05 pm, 6.35 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
		10.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E)	:	10.20 am, 7.25 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	4.35 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	7.20 am, 7.50 am, 8.50 am
		9.30 am, 10.45 am, 11.15 am
		12.15 pm, 12.55 pm, 2.10 pm
		2.40 pm, 3.40 pm, 5.35 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.55 pm, 7.05 pm
		9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E)	:	4.20 pm, 10.20 pm

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